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SUBJECT: CODEL MATHIAS

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1. I HAVE WORKED OUT WITH THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE FOR YOUR VISIT HERE ON SATURDAY. IF THERE ARE OTHER THINGS YOU WOULD LIKE ME TO INCLUDE IN IT. PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO LET ME KNOW.

2. SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 1975

1000 ARRIVE DAMASCUS INT'L AIRPORT. YOU WILL BE
GREETED BY ABDUL NAFAI SIBAAI, CHAIRMAN OF THE
FINANCE COMMITTEE, SYRIAN PEOPLES' COUNCIL,
SUBHI MALIK, SECRETARIAT STAFF MEMBER, SYRIAN
PEOPLES' COUNCIL, MYSELF AND POLITICAL
OFFICER EDWARD W. GNEHM, JR.

1030 ARRIVE AT AMABSSADOR'S RESIDENCE. BRIEFING BY AMBASSADOR.

1115 CALL ON HIS EXCELLENCY MOHAMMAD ALI HALABI, SPEAKER OF SYRIAN PEOPLES' COUNCIL.

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1200 CALL ON HIS EXCELLENCY'ABD AL-HALIM KHADDAM,

MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. (I WILL ACCOMPANY YOU ON BOTH ABOVE CALLS.)

1330 LUNCH IN YOUR HONOR AT ORIENT CLUB, HOSTED BY AMB. HAMUD SHUFI, DIRECTOR OF AMERICAN AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. IN ADDITION TO YOU AND MR. ROSSITER, GUESTS WILL INCLUDE: ADNAN MOHAMMAD KELANI, CHAIRMAN OF THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, SYRIAN PEOPLES' COUNCIL; ABDUL NAFAI SIBAAI; EMILE SHUWEIRI, DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, NAHIB OMARI, DEPUTY CHIEF, PROTOCOL, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. DCM ROBERT H. PELLETREAU, POLOFF GNEHM AND I WILL ALSO ATTEND.

AFTERNOON TIME AVAILABLE FOR DRIVE IN CITY, WITH STOPS AS YOU WOULD LIKE AT SUCH SIGHTS AS THE OMAYYAD MOSQUE, AZEM PALACE, SOUQ (OLD BAZAAR), STREET CALLED STRAIGHT, AND NATIONAL MUSEUM.

1720 DEPART AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE FOR DAMASCUS INT'L AIRPORT.

1800 DEPART DAMASCUS.

3. IN ADDITION ABOVE SCHEDULE, THERE POSSIBILITY FOR LATE AFTERNOON CALL ON AMERICAN-EDUCATED MINISTER OF ECONOMY AND FOREIGN TRADE, MOHAMMAD IMADI. PLEASE ADVISE IF THIS WOULD BE OF INTEREST.

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